

A RESOLUTION to commend Evelyn C. Robertson, Jr. for his dedication and hard work as Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to honor the dedication and service of those citizens who excel as leaders of a state department and enhance the quality of life for the many citizens of the state of Tennessee whose lives benefit from the efficient administration of a state department; and

WHEREAS, since his appointment in January of 1991, Evelyn C. Robertson, Jr. served with distinction and considerable talent as Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Robertson served admirably as an educator in the public school system of Hardeman County and as an administrator in mental health agencies for several years prior to his appointment as Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Hardeman County, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Tennessee State University; he received certification in the National Defense Education Association program from Southwest Missouri State University and a Master in Administration and Supervision from TSU; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Robertson has dedicated himself to ensuring the quality of the delivery of mental health and retardation care services and has implemented such commendable programs including the Vision 2000 plan that increases the number of beds for mentally ill patients over a period of years and the Master Plan, a plan designed to meet the needs of Tennesseans with mental illness and their families; and

WHEREAS, under the sagacious leadership of Commissioner Robertson, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation has aided thousands of Tennesseans in procuring necessary and emergency mental health services for those who were in desperate circumstances or unable to provide for themselves; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to salute Commissioner Robertson, a devoted servant of this great state and of its people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Evelyn C. Robertson, Jr. on his superlative service to Tennessee as Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.